

VIS-À-VIS

- 'vis-à-vis**, *i.* prep., adv. Facing (one another), opposite. *z.* n. Person facing another. ('vi:zə:vi:).
'viscera, *n.* pl. Stomach and other inside parts of body. ('visərə).
'viscount, *n.* PEER one step higher than BARON. ('vaikaunt).
'viscous, **'viscid**, *aa.* Half-liquid, sticky.
'viscosity (vis'kɒsiti), *n.* ('viskəs, 'visid).
'visé, *n.*, *v.t.* VISA. ('vi:zei).
'visible, *a.* Able to be seen. **'visibility**, *n.* Sp., weather conditions as clear or not for seeing things at a distance. ('vizəbl).
'vision, *n.* Act or power of seeing; thing seen with the mind's eye or in sleep etc.; something coming before the senses as if taking place, sp. as if from God; uncommonly beautiful person or thing.
'-ary, *i.* *a.* With tendency to see or have belief in visions, strange theories, ideas hard to give effect to; having existence only as a vision of the mind, not possible. *z.* *n.* One who has *v.* ideas, designs; one who sees things not present to the normal senses. ('viziən).
'visit, *i.* *v.t.* & *i.* Go to be with (person) or at (place) for a time; [Old] give punishment for (wrongdoing), give punishment to (person). *z.* *n.* Act, time, of visiting.
'-ant, [Let.] *n.* Visitor. **'visitation**, *n.* Visit of an authority for purpose of over-seeing; trouble looked on as punishment from God. **'-or**, *n.* ('vizit).
'visor, [Hist.] *n.* Part of fighter's metal head-dress covering face. ('vaizə).
'vista, *n.* Long narrow view as between lines of trees; line of events looked back on or forward to. ('vista).
'visual, *a.* Of, to do with, used in, seeing. **'-ize**, *v.t.* See with the mind's eye. ('vizjuəl).
'vital, *a.* Of, to do with, necessary to, living; very important, necessary for some purpose. *V. statistics*, those of births and deaths etc.; *v. wound*, one causing death. **'-ism**, *n.* Belief that there is a controlling force in living things which is not material. **'vitality**, *n.* Vital power, power to keep on living; great driving-force in person. **'-ize**, *v.t.* Make living, put force into. **'-s**, *n.* pl. Vital parts of body, such as heart, brain etc. ('vaɪtɪl).
'vitamin, *n.* Sorts of chemical substance present in certain foods, necessary for keeping body healthy. ('vaitəmin).
'vitiate, *v.t.* Make without effect, of no use; do damage to the quality of. ('vi:fiət).
'vitreous, *a.* Of or like glass. **'vitrify**, *v.t.* Make into glass or glass-like substance. ('vitriəs).
'vitriol, *n.* SULPHURIC acid or any of its salts. **'vitriolic**, *a.* (Of words, feeling) violent, bitter. ('vitriəl).

VOLCANO

- 'v'tuperate**, *v.t.* REVILE. (vi'tju:pəreit).
'vi'vacious, *a.* (Of person) bright, happy, full of interest. (vi'veifəs).
'viva 'voce, [L.] *i.* *a.*, *adv.* ORAL(LY). *z.* *n.* V. test (freq. *viva*). ('vaivə 'vouzi).
'vivid, *a.* (Of colour, light) bright, strong; (of account etc.) clear, giving living picture. ('vivid).
'vivify, *v.t.* Make seem living, interesting. ('vivifai).
'vivi'sect, *v.t.* Do operation on (living animal) for purpose of making discovery in science. (vivi'sekt).
'vixen, *n.* Female fox; bad-humoured woman. ('viksn).
'viz., *adv.* Short form of VIDELICET. (viz).
'vi'zi(e)r, *n.* High government authority in Mohammedan countries. (vi'ziə).
'vocabulary, [Lang.] *n.* Word. ('voukəbl).
'vo'cabulary, *n.* The different words forming a language or used by person, in a book etc.; book or list giving *v.*, gen. in ABC order. (və'kabjʊləri).
'vocal, *a.* Of, with, for, using, a voice; [Lang.] (of sound) made by voice cords, not simply by breath. *V. cords*, voice-producing part of throat. **'-ist**, *n.* SINGER. ('voukl).
'vo'cation, *n.* Person's sense of being needed for, having right qualities for, certain work, sp. of religion; person's work, business. (vou'keiʃn).
'vocalive, [Lang.] *n.*, *a.* (Word-form in L. etc.) used in talking to someone. ('vɒkətiv).
'vo'ciferate, *v.t.* & *i.* Say loudly, freq. again and again. **'vo'ciferous**, *a.* Vociferating. (vou'sifəreit).
'vodka, *n.* Russian alcohol drink made from RYE. ('vɒdkə).
'vogue, *n.* General, current use of or interest in something; the thing currently done or used. *Have a great v.*, be the *v.* (voug).
'voice, *i.* *n.* Sounds made through the mouth, sp. in talk, song etc.; power of producing such sound; words voicing feeling, opinion; right to give opinion; [Lang.] one or other of the *v.*-form groups making clear the relation of the SUBJECT to the operation, as doing (*active v.*) or undergoing (*passive v.*). *Give v. to*, put into words. *z.* *v.t.* Put into words; [Lang.] make (sound) with voice cords, not simply with breath. (vois).
'void, *i.* *a.* With nothing in it; (of agreement etc.) without force. *V. of*, without. *z.* *n.* [Let.] V. space. *z.* *v.t.* Make (agreement etc.) *v.* (void).
'voile, *n.* Thin cotton dress-material. (voil).
'volatile, *a.* Readily changing into gas; with tendency to be happy, bright, not readily crushed. ('volətail).
'vol'cano, *n.* Mountain having opening(s) through which gases, lava etc. come up

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- from inside the earth. **'vol'canic** (vɒl'kanik), *a.* Sp., produced by volcano. (vɒl'keinou).
'vole, *n.* Small rat-like animal. (voul).
'vo'lition, *n.* Act or power of purposing, desiring. (vou'liʃn).
'volley, *i.* *n.* Sending, firing, of number of stones, balls etc. at same time; stones etc. so sent; number (of questions etc.) voiced together or quickly one after another; volleying of ball in LAWN TENNIS. *z.* *v.t.* & *i.* Send, say, in a *v.*; (in LAWN TENNIS etc.) send back (ball) before it comes to earth. ('voli).
'volplane, *v.i.* Come down in airplane without using engine. ('volplein).
'volt, *n.* Unit of electric force. **'-age**, *n.* Electric force measured in volts. **'-aic** (vɒl'teik), *a.* (Of electric force) produced chemically. (voutl).
'volte-face, *n.* Complete change of position in argument or opinion. ('vɒltə:ʃs).
'voluble, *a.* Talking much, quickly; said in *v.* way. ('voljʊbl).
'volume, *n.* Number of printed pages fixed together in cover and forming book, sp., as part of a work; moving mass of water, smoke etc.; amount of space taken up by a body or substance; amount, size; amount of sound, its quality as loud or soft. **'vo'luminous**, *a.* (Of writing) great in amount; (of dress etc.) loose and full; (of writer) producing much work. ('volju:m).
'voluntary, *i.* *a.* Acting or done freely, by desire, without being forced; produced, supported, by *v.* work, offerings. *z.* *n.* Music played in church, not as part of SERVICE. ('vɒləntəri).
'volun'teer, *i.* *n.* Person offering to do something needed; man in military force which is not part of regular army. *z.* *v.i.* & *t.* Come forward, go into army, as *v.*; make offer of (help etc.). (vɒlən'tiə).
'vo'luptuary, *n.* One who gives himself up to comfort and pleasures of senses.
'vo'luptuous, *a.* Of, designed for, given up to, pleasures of senses. (vɒ'lɒptʃuəri).
'vomit, *i.* *v.t.* & *i.* Send up (food etc.) from stomach through mouth; send out (smoke etc.). *z.* *n.* Food vomited. ('vɒmit).
'voodoo, *n.* Special sort of MAGIC, common among black men in S. of United States, etc. ('vu:du:).
'vo'racious, *a.* With great desire for, taking great amount of, food etc. (vɒ'reifəs).
'vortex, *n.* Violently circling water or wind; any circling motion or mass. ('vɒ:teks).
'votary, *n.* Person who has given himself to some cause, work, religion etc. ('voutəri).
'vote, *i.* *n.* Giving of opinion of number of persons for or against something by


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- BALLOT, putting up of hands, etc.; right to take part in *v.*; person's opinion recorded by *v.*; number of *vv.* for or against something. *Put to the v.*, get decision about by recording *vv.* *z.* *v.i.* & *t.* Give *v.* (*for, against, that*); make (law), give (money), by voting; give general agreement to opinion of (person, thing) as. (vout).
'votive, *a.* Given, done, in view of undertaking made to God. ('voutiv).
'vouch, *v.i.* Only *v. for*, make oneself responsible for (person etc.), give undertaking that (statement etc.) is true. **'-er**, *n.* Sp., receipt. (vaufɪ).
'vouch safe, *v.t.* Be kind enough to give, or (to do something). (vauf'seɪf).
'vow, *i.* *v.t.* Give a very serious undertaking to do, give, or (*to, that*). *z.* *n.* Such word or undertaking. *Take the vv.*, go into an order of religion. (vau).
'vowel, *n.* Any of the letters *a, e, i, o, u* or their sounds, or other sounds (such as *oi, ow*) which are said without any stopping of the breath. ('vaʊəl).
'voyage, *v.i.*, *n.* (Make) journey by sea. ('voidʒ).
'vulcanite, *n.* Sort of hard rubber.
'vulcanize, *v.t.* Put (rubber) through chemical process at great heat to make it stronger and more elastic. ('vʌlkənait).
'vulgar, *a.* Of the general public, the common man; rough, unpolished, in bad taste. *The v. tongue*, the common language of a country. ('vʌlgə).
'Vulgate, *n.* L. form of BIBLE. ('vʌlgeɪt).
'vulnerable, *a.* Able to be wounded, offering an opening to attack etc. ('vʌlnərəbl).
'vulpine, *a.* Of, like, a fox. ('vʌlpain).
'vulture, *n.* Sorts of great bird living on dead bodies. ('vʌltʃə).
'vying, *Formed from VIE.* ('vaiɪŋ).

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- 'wad**, *i.* *n.* Mass of soft material used for keeping things separate or in place, or for stopping up hole etc.; [Am.] roll of paper money. *z.* *v.t.* Put w. or wadding in or round etc. **'-ding**, *n.* Soft material, sp. cotton-wool, for wads etc. (wod).
'waddle, *n.*, *v.i.* Slow sort of walk with roll from side to side. ('wɒdl).
'wade, *v.t.* & *i.* Go through water of (river etc.) on foot. *W. through*, sp., get through (book etc.) with trouble. **'-r**, *n.* Sorts of long-legged water-bird. *Ww.*, high rubber fishing-boots. (weɪd).
'wafer, *n.* Very thin BISCUIT taken with ices etc.; bit of flat bread used for COMMUNION; round flat bit of dry paste used like sticky paper after wetting;

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round bit of sticky paper, sp., red one used as stamp on law papers. ('weifa).
'waffle, n. Flat cake cooked on w.-iron.
'w.-iron, n. Metal plate, gen. marked with squares, which may be heated on fire etc. for cooking. ('wɒf).
waft, 1. v.t. Take smoothly through air etc. 2. n. Sudden smell (of something). (wa:ft).
wag, 1. v.t. & i. (Make) give shake from side to side. 2. n. A wagging motion; person talking with humour, attempting to get laughs. **'-gle**, v.t. & i. Wag. **'-tail**, n. Sorts of small bird. (wag).
wage, n. Regular payment to workman or servant etc. (gen. *ww.*). (weɪdʒ).
wage, v.t. Go to, be at, (*war* etc.).
wager, n., v.t. & i. Bet. ('weɪdʒə).
'wag(g)on, n. Great 4-wheeled cart to be pulled by 2 or more horses etc.; open railway goods-carriage. **'-er**, n. Waggon-driver. **'-ette**, n. 4-wheeled open carriage with side seats facing. ('wagən).
waif, n. Animal, person, sp. boy or girl, without friend or living-place, for which or whom no one is responsible. (weɪf).
wail, 1. n. Long sad cry; w.-like sound of wind. 2. v.i. & t. Give, make, w.; be wailing, give voice to deep regret, about. (weɪl).

wain, [Let.] n. WAGON. (wein).
wainscot, n. Wood, boards, put round, gen. lower part of, walls of room. **'-ing**, n. (Material for) wainscot. ('weɪnskɒt).
waist, n. Middle part of person's body where it becomes narrow; part of dress which goes round w.; middle part of ship. **'-coat**, n. Bit of man's clothing, having buttons down the front, put on between coat and shirt and seen when coat is open. (weɪst).
wait, 1. v.i. & t. Put off doing or going for a time, sp. with a view to, in the hope of, something taking place; w. while watching for (a chance etc.); do work of waiter. *W. (up)on*, w. for (person) till he is ready; be acting as servant to, sp., at meal. 2. n. Act, time, of waiting. *Ww.*, persons who go round from house to house at Christmas giving songs; *lie in w. for*, be secretly on watch for. **'-er**, **'-ress**, nn. Man, woman, taking orders for, and handing round, food in restaurant. (weɪt).
waive, v.t. Give up (right etc.). (weɪv).
wake (woke or waked, waken, or woke), 1. v.t. & i. (Make) come out of sleep (freq. *w. up*). 2. n. (In Ireland) all-night watch of number of persons

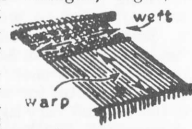
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over dead body with crying and pleasure-making. **'-ul**, a. Unable to go to sleep. **'-n**, v.t. & i. Wake. **'waking**, a. Sp., while person is awake. (weɪk (wouk)).
wake, n. Line of smooth water at back of moving ship. *In the w. of*, after, with the way made ready by.
wale, n., v.t. Mark made on body by whip etc. (weɪl).
walk, 1. v.i. & t. (Of person) go on foot, putting one foot down before taking the other up; (of animal) go on foot with slowest sort of motion; make (horse etc.) w.; go (distance) by walking. *W. away or off with*, sp., take (another's property); *w. on*, sp., have part in play in which one says nothing; *w. out with*, sp., (of servant etc.) have as sweetheart; *w. the hospital*, get hospital experience as part of medical training. 2. n. Journey on foot, sp., for pleasure, a walking; way of walking; place for walking on. *W. of life*, person's sort of work, position in society. **'-ing-stick**, n. Stick used in walking. **'w.-over**, n. Competition etc. in which one person is so much better than the rest that he has no trouble in doing best. (wɔ:k).
wall, 1. n. Upright structure of brick, stone, forming side of building, division between rooms or bits of land etc.; w.-like thing. *Go to the w.*, sp., be pushed on one side, do badly; *have one's back to the w.*, sp., be fighting hard against persons, forces, much stronger than oneself. 2. v.t. Put w. round. *W. up*, get (opening) stopped up with w. **'-flower**, n. Sweet-smelling garden-plant; woman who is not danced with at a dance. (wɔ:l).
'wallaby, n. Sorts of small KANGAROO. ('wɒləbi).
'wallet, n. Small folder for keeping paper money etc. in pocket; [Old] bag for food etc. used on journey. ('wɒlɪt).
'wall-eye, n. Disease making coloured part of eye white or very light; eye having this disease. ('wɔ:lai).
'wallop, [Hum.] v.t. Give whipping to. **'-ing**, 1. n. A whipping. 2. a. Of great size (freq. *a w. great*). ('wɒləp).
'wallow, v.i. Be rolling about in dirty water, earth etc. ('wɒləu).
'walnut, n. (Tree producing) nut with hard outer cover opening in 2 boat-like halves; w. wood. ('wɒlnɒt).
'walrus, n. Air-breathing sea-MAMMAL with 2 long teeth pointing down from mouth. ('wɒ:lɹəs).
waltz, n., v.i. (Music for) sort of dance in 3-time in which 2 persons go round and round. (wɔ:ls).
'wampum, n. SHELLS threaded together and used as ornaments or money by N.-Am. Indians. ('wɒmpəm).

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wan, a. (Of person, face) looking white, tired, ill; (of sky, light etc.) looking cold, not bright. (wɒn).
wand, n. Thin rod, sp. as sign of authority or for use by CONJUROR. (wɒnd).
'wander, v.i. Go from place to place without purpose or design; go from the right way; (of thoughts, attention) be not fixed. ('wɒndə).
'wanderlust, [G.] n. Strong desire to go journeying. ('vɒndəlʌst).
wane, 1. v.i. (Of moon) become smaller after being full; become less, feebler. 2. n. Process of waning (freq. *on the w.*). (weɪn).
'wangle, [Com.] v.t. Get (thing desired) by trick, design. ('wɒŋgl).
want, 1. v.t. & i. Have need for, be without; have desire for. *W. (certain amount) of*, be less by (certain amount) than. 2. n. Condition or feeling of wanting; thing wanted. **'-ing**, 1. a. Needed, not present or in existence; [Com.] feeble-minded. *Be found w.*, (of person) let undertaking etc. down. 2. prep. Without; less than, but for. (wɒnt).
'wanton, 1. a. Full of play, acting on impulse; (of growth etc.) uncontrolled, without order; loose in behaviour, with unclean thoughts; (of damage etc.) unnecessary, done without reason. 2. n. W. person, sp., loose woman. 3. v.i. Be w. in thought, behaviour. ('wɒntən).
war, n. Use of armed force between nations or groups in a nation; bad relations, strong competition, between persons. *At w. (with)*, having a w. (against); *declare w. (on)*, (of nation) make public statement that it is going to have w. (against); *have been in the ww.*, be damaged, wounded; *w. to the knife*, very bitter fight, feeling, between persons. **'-fare**, n. Condition of war, fighting. **'-like**, a. Military, to do with war; war-loving, ready for war. **'w.-path**, n. Only *on the w.*, ready for a fight. **'w.-plane**, n. Military airplane. **'-ring**, a. Opp. in tendency, not in harmony. **'w.-whoop**, n. Cry used, sp. by N.-Am. Indians, in attack. **'w.-worn**, a. Experienced in, made tired and feeble by, war. (wɔ:).
'warble, 1. v.i. & t. (Sp. of birds) give (song) softly, with liquid notes. 2. n. Sound so made. **'-r**, n. Sp., sorts of small song-bird. ('wɔ:bl).
ward, 1. n. Young person under care of older person or law authority; division of town for government purposes; separate room, division, in prison, hospital etc.; [Old] act of watching place (gen. *keep watch and w.*); cut-out part of key which makes it right for certain lock. 2. v.t. *W. (blow, danger) off*, keep it off. **'-en**, n. Person with position of control, such as head of certain university colleges. **'-er**, **'-ress**, nn. Male,

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female, GAOLER. **'-robe**, n. Cupboard for hanging dresses, hats etc. in; person's store of clothing. **'w.-room**, n. Room for OFFICERS on warship. (wɔ:rd).
ware, n. Goods made from POTTERY, metal, glass etc. (*glass w.*, *tin w.*). *Ww.*, goods which person has for trading. **'-house**, 1. n. Building for storing goods. 2. v.t. Put, keep, in w. (weə).
ware, v.t. (Used as int.) BEWARE.
warm, 1. a. Having quite high degree of heat, giving feeling of heat, not cold; (of clothing etc.) such as to keep person w.; (of feelings, behaviour etc.) kind, loving; (of argument etc.) angry, worked up; (of position etc.) full of danger; (of colour) giving suggestion of being w., mixed with red. *Be getting w.*, sp., be getting near what one is looking for; *make it w. for*, sp., get feeling worked up against, make trouble for. 2. v.t. & i. Make, become, w. (freq. *w. up*). *W. up*, sp., become very interested in what one is doing, talking about. 3. n. Act of warming oneself or something. **w.-blooded**, a. (Of animals) with blood-heat of 98°-112° F.; with tendency to have strong feelings. **w.-hearted**, a. Kind-hearted. **'-ing-pan**, n. Vessel with burning coal in it for warming bed. **-th**, n. Quality of being warm. (wɔ:rm).
warn, v.t. Make conscious of coming or possible danger or unpleasant development. **'-ing**, n. Sp., words or event warning person. *Give w. of*, sp., give sign of (future event etc.). (wɔ:n).
warp, 1. v.t. & i. Make or become bent or twisted from straight, right, or normal form; get (ship) into different position by pulling cord etc. fixed to something not moving. 2. n. Warped condition; cord used in warping ship; long threads over and under which other threads (the WEFT) are taken in making cloth. (wɔ:p).

'warrant, 1. n. Thing giving person support in, good reason or authority for, acting; [Law] statement in writing giving police authority to make person a prisoner, go into a house etc.; special paper from War Office etc. making person a w.-officer. 2. v.t. Be w. for; give undertaking that (sp., goods are of a certain sort). **w.-officer**, n. One having position by warrant, not by COMMISSION. **'-y**, n. Authority or good reason (*for doing*); [Law] undertaking by person offering goods on market that they are his and in right condition, etc. ('wɒrənt).
'warren, n. Bit of land in which there are a great number of RABBIT-holes. ('wɒrən).

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'warrior, n. [Let.] Person noted in war; fighting-man, sp. of early times or simple society. ('wɔ:riə).
wart, n. Small hard growth on skin. 'w.-hog, n. Sort of pig of Africa. (wɔ:t).
'wary, a. (Given to) taking thought before acting, acting with care, watching for danger; marked by such care. ('weəri).
was. See BE.
wash, v. & i. v.t. & i. Make clean with water or other liquid; take (mark out, off) by washing; w. one's hands etc., clothing etc.; (of material) be able to be washed without damage; (of sea, river etc.) come up to, against, over; (of river, sea etc.) take (thing away or in some direction). *W. one's hands of*, have nothing more to do with; *w. up*, w. plates etc. after meal; (of sea etc.) w. (thing) onto land; *won't w.*, [Com.] (of statement etc.) is not good enough, will be seen to be false. 2. n. A washing, being washed; clothing etc. washed or to be washed; waves, motion of water, caused by moving ship etc.; thin coat of liquid colour; special liquid for washing (only in complex words, *hairw.*, *mouthw.* etc.).
At, in, to, the w., (of clothing), at, in, to, the place of washing. **-ed-out**, a. Tired-looking, with little colour. **-er**, n. Sp., machine for washing clothing etc.; flat ring of rubber, leather etc. for making joins in water-pipes etc. tight.
-erwoman, n. Woman whose work is washing clothing. **'w.-hand-stand**, n. Wash-stand. **'w.-house**, n. Special place, outhouse, where washing of clothing is done. **-ing**, n. Sp., clothing washed or to be washed. **'w.-leather**, n. Soft leather used for polishing etc. **'w.-out**, [Com.] n. Something coming to nothing, of no use. **'w.-stand**, n. Table with basin etc. for washing oneself. **-y**, a. (Of colour) very light, thin; (of feeling, language etc.) without force, colour. (wɔ:f).
wasp, n. Winged insect with black and yellow bands round body, and sharp point in tail with which it gives poisoned wound. **-ish**, a. Bad-humoured, sharp-tongued. (wɔsp).
'wassail, [Old] n. Time of drinking and pleasure-making. ('wɔseil).
wast, v. Past of "be" used with THOU. (wɔst).
waste, v. & i. a. Unable to be used, not or no longer of use; (of land) not planted, with no one living in it, not fertile. *W.-paper basket*, one for w. paper etc.
 2. v.t. & i. Make no or poor use of, make use of unnecessary amount of; make (land) w.; make or become feeble, thin, by degrees (freq. *w. away*).
 3. n. Bits, material of no use, over after making something; stretch of w. land; wasting, being wasted. **'wastage**, n. Amount wasted, not used. **-ful**, a.

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Using more than is necessary. **'w.-pipe**, n. Pipe for waste water or steam. **-r**, **'wastrel**, nn. Good-for-nothing. (weist).
watch, v. & i. n. Condition of watching to see that all is well, safe; [Hist.] watchman, body of watchmen; [Hist.] any of 3 or 4 divisions of the night; (on ship) any of the 4-hour divisions of the day for which one group of men is working in turn with others; the men working in such a w.; clock-like time-measuring instrument small enough to be taken about in pocket etc. *Keep w.*, w. for danger; *on the w.*, watching for something, sp. danger; *on w.*, keeping w. 2. v.i. & t. Be looking and waiting (for); be looking out for danger; keep under observation; be watching for, ready to take, (one's etc. chance). **-ful**, a. On the watch. **-man**, n. Man whose business is to watch building to keep it safe. **-word**, n. [Hist.] COUNTERSIGN; SLOGAN of group etc. (wɔtf).
'water, v. & i. n. Liquid without colour, smell, or taste, formed of HYDROGEN and OXYGEN, changed by heat into steam and by cold into ice, sp., as forming rain, sea, rivers etc.; stretch of w.; sorts of liquid chiefly formed of w.; quality of DIAMOND, as being clear, bright etc. *High, low, w.*, high, low, TIDE; *in low w.*, sp., badly off for money; *of the first w.*, (of DIAMOND) of best quality; *the w.*, sp., w. of spring with special medical properties; *won't hold w.*, sp., (of theory etc.) will be seen to be false when tested. 2. v.t. & i. Put w. on (land, plants, road); give drink of w. to (horse etc.); (of eyes, mouth) have much w. or liquid coming into or from. *Make person's mouth w.*, sp., (of food) give him great desire for it; *w. down*, make less strong (as) by addition of w. **'w.(ing)-cart**, n. Cart for watering roads. **'w.-closet**, n. CLOSET in which waste is washed away by water. **'w.-colour**, n. (Picture painted in, art of using) paint mixed with water. **-course**, n. (Bed of) small river. **-cress**, n. Small water plant used uncooked as food. **-ed**, a. Sp., (of silk) with wave-like marks. **-fall**, n. Water of river etc. falling to lower level. **'w.-finder**, n. DOWSER.
'fowl, n. Water-bird(s). **'w.-gas**, n. Gas made by sending steam through burning WATERING-CAN coal. **'w.-glass**, WITH ROSE n. Liquid used for keeping eggs good for long time. **-ing-can**, n. Vessel with pipe-like outlet for watering flowers. **-ing-place**, n. Animals' drinking-place; SPA; seaside town.



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-ing-pot, n. Watering-can. **'w.-lily**, n. Plant with leaves and flowers resting on top of water. **'w.-line**, n. Line on ship's side marking level to which water comes when ship is full of goods. **-logged**, a. (Of boat etc.) so full of water that it is in danger of going down. **-man**, n. Boatman. **'-mark**, n. Maker's design on paper, seen when it is put up to light. **'w.-melon**, n. Great smooth-skinned MELON with red inside. **-proof**, v. & i. n., a. (Material, coat) which does not let water through. 2. v.t. Make w. **'w.-rat**, n. Rat-like water-animal. **'w.-rate**, n. Payment which has to be made by house-owner etc. for use of public water. **-shed**, n. Line of high land separating 2 river basins. **-spout**, n. Mass of water pulled up from sea by circling cloud. **-tight**, a. Which does not let water through; (of agreement etc.) covering everything clearly, which there is no getting out of. **'w.-wheel**, n. Wheel turned by water for driving machines. **'w.-works**, n. pl. Place from which distribution of water to town etc. is made. **-y**, a. Sp., (of liquid food) thin, without much taste, not strong; (of colour) WASHY. ('wɔ:tə).
watt, n. Unit of electric power. (wɔt).
'wattle, v. & i. n. Sticks twisted in and out of one another as in basket-work, used for walls etc.; sorts of Australian tree with gold-coloured flowers. *W. and daub*, w. covered with sticky earth, as building-material. 2. v.t. Make of w. ('wɔtl).
'wattle, n. Hanging skin on head or throat of fowl etc.
wave, v. & i. v.i. & t. Have motion as of flag or grass in the wind; give such motion to; w. one's hand etc. as sign to, at, person; make (hair etc.) wavy; be wavy. *W. aside*, sp., put from one's mind, put on one side, as unimportant. 2. n. Uplifted mass of (sea etc.) water between two hollows; motion as of a moving w. in air, water etc., taking light, heat, sound, electric current, in some direction, one curve in such motion; sudden short outburst of feeling, doing something etc.; act of waving hand etc.; wavy line, form. **'w.-length**, n. Distance between the highest point of one wave and that of the wave coming nearest after it. **'wavy**, a. Having wave-like curves. (weiv).
'waver, v.i. Be uncertain in direction, going first to one side, then to another; be uncertain in decision; (of army etc.) give signs of giving way. ('weivə).
wax, v.i. (Sp. of moon) become greater; [Old] become (fat, angry etc.). (waks).
wax, v. & i. n. Soft, yellow substance produced by bees to make structures for storing their food in; w. made white and used

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as material for lights etc.; sorts of w.-like substance. 2. v.t. Put w. on, get polished with w. **'-en**, a. Like wax in being smooth and clear or readily worked. **'-work**, n. Form with face and hands of coloured wax, clothed and made to seem like living person.
way, n. Road, land or sea etc. gone over in getting from one place to another; direction (to be) taken; (distance of) journey; how to do, get, or get to; point, detail (in this w., in some ww., etc.); (bit of) regular behaviour (freq. *ww.*), little trick of behaviour. *Ww.*, sp., wood structure down which new ship goes into water; anything, something, in the w. of . . . , sp., anything, something, such as . . . , like . . . ; by the w., sp., form of words used as sign that one is about to say something unimportant or having little connection; by w. of, sp., as a w. of, for the purpose of; *gather (lose) w.*, (of ships) go quicker (slower); *give w.*, become broken under weight, blows etc.; be overcome, turned from one's purpose, desire; *have, get, one's (own) w.*, do, get, what one has a desire to; *in a bad etc. way*, sp., in a bad etc. condition; *in a w.*, sp., in some degree, not completely; *in the w.*, taking up room, where not desired, across person's road stopping him from going; *lead the w.*, go or do first as guide; *make one's w.*, get (to etc.) after some trouble etc.; get on well; *make w. for*, make room for (person etc.) to get past; *out of the w.*, opp. in the way; (of place) hard to get to, far away; *under w.*, (of ship) steaming, sailing etc. forward; *ww. and means*, sp., ww. of getting the money etc. needed for doing something. **'w.-bill**, n. List of persons or parcels transported by train etc. **'-farer**, n. Person journeying on foot. **-lay**, v.t. Be waiting somewhere to make attack on, request etc. to, (person) when he goes past. **'-side**, a., n. (At, by) side of road. (wei).
'wayward, a. Pleasing oneself, moved by impulse, not readily guided. ('weiwəd).
'W.C., n. WATER-CLOSET. ('dæbjʊ:si:).
w (our, ours, us), pron. Pl. of "I." (wi:).
weak, a. Feeble; readily giving way, with little control over others. *W. verb*, one making past form and past PARTICIPLE by addition of "-ed." **'w.-knead**, a. Readily giving way, without decision. **'-ling**, n. Feeble person or animal. **'-ly**, a. Delicate, not very healthy. **'w.-minded**, a. Feeble-minded, having something wrong with one's brain; without strong purpose, readily coming under power of others. **'-ness**, n. Sp., weak point, being unable to keep away from, keep from doing, something. *A w. for*, a special or foolish love for. (wik).

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- weal**, n. Well-being, good chance (*the public w.*, etc.). (wi:l).
- weal**, n. WALE.
- wealth**, n. (Having of) great amount of money, things of value; great amount (of anything). *-y*, a. Having much money. (welθ).
- wean**, v.t. Get (baby, young animal) to take other food than its mother's milk; get turned by degrees (*from bad ways, bad company* etc.). (wi:n).
- 'weapon**, n. Thing designed, used, for causing wound or death; thing used for getting the better of another in argument, competition. ('wepən).
- wear** (wore, worn), i. v.t. & i. Be dressed in, have on; make, become, damaged, less good, by using or rubbing (freq. *w. away, down*); (be of a sort to) go on being worn, used, without getting damaged; get into certain condition by wearing (*w. thin* etc.); make (hole) by rubbing; make tired, feeble. *W. on*, (of time) go slowly by; *w. (person) out*, make him very tired; *w. out*, make use of, or be used, till no longer in condition to be used. 2. n. Use of thing as clothing; things worn as clothing; damage done by wearing; quality of wearing long, well. *The worse for w.*, somewhat worn, damaged; *w. and tear*, damage done by normal use. (weə (wɔ:)).
- 'weary**, i. a. (Making) tired. 2. [Let.] v.t. & i. Make, become, tired. **'wearisome**, a. Wearying, long, uninteresting. ('wiəri).
- 'weasel**, n. Small red-brown animal living on birds, rats etc. ('wi:zl).
- 'weather**, i. n. Condition of place at certain time in relation to sun, wind, rain etc. *Keep one's w. eye open*, be looking out for trouble, danger; *make heavy w. of*, be unnecessarily troubled by (doing something); *under the w.*, [Com.] in trouble; not very well. 2. v.t. & i. Make or be changed through being acted on by w. conditions; (of ship etc.) get to the side of (headland) facing the wind; come safely through (bad w. conditions, trouble). **'w-beaten**, a. Changed in colour, marked, by weather, sp. (of face) brown and lined. **'w-boarding**, n. Boards fixed so that one OVERLAPS another forming wall etc. **'w-bound**, a. Kept from journeying by bad weather. **-cock**, n. Metal bird or other pointer turning on roof etc. to give direction of the wind. **'w-glass**, n. BAROMETER. **'w-vane**, n. Weathercock. ('weds).
- weave** (wove, woven), i. v.t. & i. Make (cloth) by taking threads over and under one another; make cloth from (threads); put together (facts, story) as by weaving. 2. n. Structure of cloth, way threads are woven. (wi:v (wouv)).

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- web**, n. Material made by WEAVING; SPIDER'S network; skin joining toes, as in water-birds. **'bed**, a. Having web between toes. **'bing**, n. Strong cotton material in narrow band. (web).
- wed** (wedded), v.i. & t. Get married; get married to. *Wedded to*, sp., having a great love for (some interest, sport etc.). **'ding**, n. Event of getting married. *Silver, golden, diamond w.*, the day 25, 50, 60, years after one's w.-day. **'ding-breakfast**, n. Meal given after wedding to persons who came to it. **'lock**, n. Condition of being married. (wed).
- wedge**, i. n. Bit of wood or metal thinner at one end than the other, used for cracking wood in two, making opening wider, etc.; thing of w.-like form. *Thin end of the w.*, sp., seemingly small change etc. which will make it hard to put a stop to further changes. 2. v.t. Get forced open with w.; get tightly fixed with w.; get forced tightly (*in, into, between* etc.). (wedʒ).
- 'Wednesday**, n. 4th day of week. ('wenzdi).
- wee**, [Scot.] a. Very small. (wi:).
- weed**, i. n. Plant, not of garden sort, coming up where it is not desired; thin, tall, feeble horse or person. 2. v.t. & i. Get ww. out of. *W. out*, take out (what is less good). *-y*, a. Sp., thin, tall, feeble. (wi:əd).
- weeds**, n. pl. Black clothing put on by woman at death of man she is married to (gen. *widow's w.*). (wi:dz).
- week**, n. Space of 7 days, sp., measured from Sunday; the 6 days other than Sunday. **'w-day**, n. Day other than Sunday. **w-end**, n. Saturday and Sunday (or, sometimes, Friday to Monday). **'-ly**, i. a., adv. (Taking place, done) once a week. 2. n. W. newspaper. (wi:k).
- ween**, [Let.] v.t. Be of the opinion *that*. (wi:n).
- weep** (wept), v.i. & t. Be crying with drops coming from eyes (freq. *w. tears*); w. because of regret, sad feeling, for. **'-ing**, a. Sp., (of tree) with branches hanging down. (wi:p (wept)).
- 'weevil**, n. Insect damaging stored grain. ('wi:vil).
- weft**, n. The threads taken under and over WARP in making cloth. (weft).
- weigh**, v.t. & i. Get the weight of measured; have (certain weight); make comparison of value of (one thing *with, against*, another). *W. anchor*, take it up before starting; *w. down*, get (thing) pulled down by weight; make troubled, be a care to; *w. one's words*, make selection of them with care; *w. upon*, be a trouble, care, to; *w. with*, sp., (of argument etc.) have effect on, seem important to. **'-bridge**, n. Machine for weighing carts, automobiles. **-t**, i. n.

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- Force of earth's pull on any material body; measured amount of a body's w.; body of certain w. used in weighing; something of great w.; degree of being important, having effect on others. 2. v.t. Put a w. on, weigh down (*with*). **'-ty**, a. Of great weight; very important. (wei).
- weir**, n. Structure across river stopping current and lifting level of water. (wiə).
- weird**, a. Un-natural, not of this earth; [Com.] surprising, hard to give a reason for. (wiəd).
- welch**, v.i. WELSH. (welf).
- 'welcome**, i. n. Words, behaviour, to person coming, sp., as sign that one is pleased. 2. int. Used as sign that one is pleased to see someone. 3. v.t. Give signs of being, be, pleased at coming of (person), hearing of (news), etc. 4. a. Coming as a pleasure, welcomed. *You are w. to it*, it is a pleasure to let you have it. ('welkəm).
- weld**, i. v.t. & i. Get (bits of, gen. heated, iron etc.) hammered or forced together; make (materials *into* thing) by welding; (of iron etc.) be able to be welded. 2. n. Welded join. (weld).
- 'welfare**, n. Well-being. *W. work*, the work of making living conditions of workmen etc. better. ('welfeə).
- 'welkin**, [Let.] n. Sky. ('welkin).
- well**, i. n. Deep hole made in earth to get water, oil; [Old] spring of water; w.-like space in building for lift etc. 2. v.i. Come out, up, as water from w. (wel).
- well** (better, best), i. adv. In good, desired, right, way; with care, completely; much, quite; kindly, with approval; with good reason (*you may w. say so*). *As w. (as)*, sp., in addition (to); *it will be as w. to (do etc.)*, it will be a good thing to; *one might as w. (do etc.)*, it would be no different, no worse, if one (did etc.); *w. done*, sp., (int.) cry of approval; (of meat) cooked through; *w. founded*, in agreement with fact; *w. grounded*, w. founded; w. trained in first steps of something; *w. out of (undertaking etc.)*, in a happier condition because of being out of. 2. a. (Of persons etc.) healthy; in order, all right; wise, good (*it would be w. to*, etc.). *W. and good*, all right. 3. n. Only let w. (*enough*) alone, make no change in what is good enough as it is. *Wish person w.*, be hoping good things for him. 4. int. Used as sign of surprise, doubt etc., or to give sense of connection with what has been said before. (wel ('betə, best)).
- 'well**, Put before PARTICIPLES in any of the senses of adv. **w-ap-**

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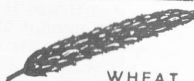
- pointed**, a. (Of house etc.) having every comfort. **w.-balanced**, a. Sp., having good sense, a balanced mind. **w.-being**, n. Healthy, good condition, general comfort. **w.-born**, a. Of a family high in society. **w.-bred**, a. Well-born; having the good behaviour looked for in w. person. **w.-conducted**, a. Good in behaviour. **w.-connected**, a. Well-born. **w.-disposed**, a. Ready to give approval (*to*). **w.-doing**, n. Good acts. **w.-favoured**, a. Good-looking. **w.-groomed**, a. Well-dressed, clean and brushed. **w.-intentioned**, a. Having or produced by good impulses, purposes. **w.-judged**, a. Done wisely, at the right time. **w.-knit**, a. (Of body) strong, well-formed. **w.-mannered**, a. Pleasing in behaviour. **w.-meaning**, **w.-meant**, aa. Well-intentioned. **w.-nigh**, [Old] adv. Almost. **w.-off**, a. With great amount of money. **w.-ordered**, a. With good organization. **w.-read**, a. Having wide knowledge of books through much reading. **w.-regulated**, a. Controlled, kept in order. **w.-rounded**, a. (Of theory etc.) complete. **'w-set-up**, a. Well-knit. **w.-spoken**, a. Talking like one with good education. **w.-timbered**, a. (Of country) with a number of trees, woods. **w.-timed**, a. Done at right, best possible, time. **'w-to-do**, a. Well-off. **w.-tried**, a. Long used, well tested. **w.-turned**, a. (Of saying) polished. **w.-wisher**, n. Person desiring another's good. **w.-worn**, a. Old, much used.
- 'Wellingtons**, n. pl. Sort of high boots. ('welɪŋtənz).
- Welsh**, n., a. (Language) of Wales. *W. rabbit*, sort of cooked cheese on TOAST. *The W.*, W. persons. (welf).
- welsh**, v.t. & i. (Of BOOKIE) go off without making payment of debt to.
- welt**, i. n. Thick leather edge stitched to top part of shoe for under part to be fixed to; WALE. 2. v.t. Put w. on (shoe); make WALES on, give whipping to. (welt).
- 'welter**, i. v.i. WALLOW (*in*). 2. n. Mixed, unordered mass (of thoughts, purposes etc.). ('welts).
- 'welter-weight**, n. BOXER of weight between LIGHT-WEIGHT and MIDDLE-WEIGHT. ('weltsweɪt).
- wen**, n. Growth forming under skin but not having serious effects. (wen).
- wench**, [Old] n. Young woman, servant girl. (wɛntʃ).
- wend**, v.t. Only *w. one's way*, go (*to*). (wend).
- went**. See GO.
- wept**. See WEEP.
- were**. See BE.
- 'wer(e)wolf**, [Fict.] n. Person turned into WOLF. ('wɜ:wʊlf).

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wert, [Old] v. WAST. (wə:t).
Wesleyan, n., a. (One) of branch of Christian Church started by John Wesley. ('wesliən).
west, a., n., adv. Opp. east. Go *w.*, [Hum.] come to one's death, destruction. **-erly**, a., adv. Opp. **EASTERLY**. **-ern**, a. Opp. **EASTERN**. **-erner**, n. Person of the West, sp., the west of the U.S.A. (west).
wet, i. a. With water or other liquid on or all through; raining. *W. blanket*, one who has effect of stopping talk, pleasure, of others. 2. v.t. Make *w.* 3. n. Liquid wetting something; rain (*out in the w.*, etc.). **w.-nurse**, n. Woman giving her milk to another's baby. (wet).
wether, n. Male sheep whose sex parts have been taken away. ('weðə).
whack, v.t., n. Give hard blow to with stick etc. *Have one's w. of*, [Hum.] have as much of as one has a desire for.
-ing, [Com.] a. Of great size (freq. *w. great*). (wak).
whale, i. n. Air-breathing sea-MAMMAL valued for its oil, the greatest animal in existence. 2. v.i. Go after *ww.* **-bone**, n. Hard elastic substance got from top mouth-bone of some whales. **-r**, n. Whaling ship or seaman. (weil).
wharf, i. n. Landing-stage where goods are taken into or out of ships. 2. v.t. Get (ship) fixed to, (goods) stored on, *w.* **-age**, n. (Payment made for) use of wharf. **-inger** ('wɔ:fɪndʒə), n. Wharf-owner. (wɔ:f).
what, i. pron. That or those which; (in questions) used for pointing to the thing(s), fact(s), event(s), or amount to be named or given an account of in the answer; (in int.) how much (*What I would give to go!*). *And w. not*, and so on; *W.?* *W. did you say?*; *W. about ...?* What's the news about ...? What's to be done about ...?; *W. for?* Why?; *W. if ...?* *W. would be the outcome, effect, if ...?*; *W. of it?* Even if that's true, is it important?; *w. with this etc. and w. with that etc.*, in part because of this etc. and in part because of that etc. 2. a. Used before name of person(s), thing(s), with the sense of "the ... which"; used before name of that or those of which it is desired to have one or more named or pointed to by the answer (*w. colour is it?*); (in int.) how great, bad, strange etc. (freq. *w. a ...!*). *W. news?* *W. is the news?* 3. int. Used as sign of surprise or angry feeling. **-ever**, [Let.] **-e'er**, a., pron. Anything, everything, which, it is unimportant what (*w. he says, it will be wrong*); at all, of any sort (*no doubt w.*); [Com.] (in questions) strong form of "what." **-not**, n. Group of shelves for small ornaments etc. **-so'ever**, a., pron. (Of) whatever sort at all; [Let.]

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whatever. (wɔ:t).
wheat, n. (Sort of grain plant producing) seeds which are crushed into meal for bread. **-en**, a. Made of wheat. (wi:t).
'wheedle, v.t. Make much of (person) to get what is desired (freq. *w. person into, out of, doing etc.*). ('wi:dl).
wheel, i. n. Round frame or plate-like structure turning on rod which goes through its middle point, used on carts etc. and as machine-part; *w.-like* thing; circling motion of line of persons turning back in opp. direction with one end not moving. *Ww. within ww.*, complex working of different secret purposes, forces. 2. v.t. & i. Get (thing on *ww.*) moved by pushing or pulling; (of birds etc.) go in curves or circles; (of line of persons etc.) make change in direction by a *w.*; (of persons) make quick turn round.
-barrow, n. Hand-cart with 2 legs and one wheel, used in gardening etc.
-wright, n. Maker of wheels. (wi:l).
wheeze, i. v.i. Make noise in chest, windpipe, in breathing. 2. n. Sound of wheezing; [Hum.] trick, bright idea.
'wheezy, a. (With tendency to) wheezing in breathing; (of sound) like a wheeze. (wi:z).
whelk, n. Sorts of sea-MOLLUSC with hard outer cover having twisting line somewhat like a screw. (welk).
whelp, i. v.i. (Of dog etc.) give birth. 2. n. Young dog etc.; young man of unpleasing behaviour. (welp).
when, i. conj. At the or any time which, while; though (*he got a brown coat w. a blue would have been better*); in view of the fact that (*why give it away w. you have need of it?*); at or after which, as an outcome of which (*she gave a cry, w. the dog let the meal go*). *The time etc. w.*, the time at which. 2. adv. (In questions) at what time, point? 3. pron. The time at which; (in questions) what time? (*till w.?* etc.). 4. n. Only the *w.*, the time of an event. **-e'er** [Let.], **-ever**, adv. At whatever time, every time when. **-so'ever**, [Old] adv. Whenever at all. (wen).
whence, i. adv. (Of place, cause) from which; to the place from which (*he returned w. he came*); (in questions) from what place, cause? 2. pron. The place, cause, from which. 3. conj. And from, as effect of, this. (wens).
where, i. adv. (Of place) in which; in, at, or to the or a place etc.; (in questions) in or to what place, position, direction?; in what point, way? 2. pron. (In questions) what place? 3. n. Only the *w.*, the place of an event. **-a'bouts**, adv. In



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or near what place? **-abouts**, n. Place where person or thing is. **-as**, conj. Taking into account the fact that; in comparison with the fact that. **-by**, adv. By which. **wh'er'e'er** [Let.], **wh'er'ever**, adv., pron. (In or to) whatever place.
-fore, i. adv. [Old] Why? 2. conj. For which reason, why. 3. n. Only the *w.*, the reason for something. **-in**, adv. In what point, way. **-of**, [Old] adv. Of what. **-so'ever**, [Old] adv. Wherever at all. **-(up)'on**, conj. After which, and then. **-withal**, n. Only the *w.*, the money etc. needed for doing something. (wea).
'wherry, n. Small open boat. ('wəri).
whet, v.t. Make (knife etc.) sharp; make (desire) stronger. **-stone**, n. Stone for making knives etc. sharp. (wet).
'whether, conj. Used to put forward 2 possible events, decisions etc.: 1. (With "or") if (*say w. you will come or go, w. I do it or you do it is unimportant*). 2. If or if not (*say w. you will come*). *W. or no*, if it is so or not. ('weðə).
whew, int. Used as sign of surprise, or of being troubled or tired. (hju:).
whey, n. Part of milk which is still liquid after rest has become solid. (wei).
which, i. a. (Used in joining further statement about thing, fact, event, to chief statement) and, or but, or though, or because, or being, this or these; (in questions, when requesting selection from limited number, sp. 2) what? 2. pron. *W.* thing(s) etc.; (in questions) which thing(s), person(s)? *W. is w.?*, (of 2 things) *w.* has one name and *w.* has the other? **-ever**, pron., a. (Of limited number, sp. 2) whatever. (wi:t).
whiff, n. Breath (of air, smoke); sudden smell (of something). (wif).
Whig, [Hist.] n. One of Eng. political group after 1688 desiring less power for ruler and more for PARLIAMENT, whose place was later taken by LIBERALS. (wig).
while, i. conj. For the time that, at the same time as; though, on the one hand (*w. seeing your point, I take a different view*). 2. adv. (With time) in which (*the hours w. he was waiting*). 3. n. Space of time, time taken up by some event (sp. for a *w.*, in a little *w.*). 4. v.t. Only *w.* away (time), do something for one's amusement in it. **whilst**, conj. While. (wail).
whim, n. Sudden impulse to do or have something, unreasoning idea. **-sical**, a. Full of whims or whimsies; strange-looking. **-sy**, n. Whim, FANTASY. (wim).
'whimper, v.i., n. (Make) feeble sound of pain or fear. ('wimpə).
whine, i. n. Dog's or baby's long unhappy cry; high, feeble, protesting note in voice. 2. v.i. & t. Make, say with, such

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sound; *w.* for help etc., not be acting like a man. (wain).
'whinny, n., v.i. Soft sound made by horse when pleased. ('wini).
whip, i. n. Stick with cord or leather fixed to end of it, used to give blows in driving animals etc. or as punishment; person helping in controlling foxhounds; person responsible for seeing that others of his political group in PARLIAMENT are present when desired, do the right thing; note from *w.* requesting person to be present in PARLIAMENT etc. *Have the w. hand of*, be in position to have control over (person). 2. v.t. & i. Give blows to with *w.*; be acting as *w.* to (dogs, political group); give (eggs etc.) quick blows with fork etc. to get them mixed with air so that they become stiff: get (edge of cloth) stitched with stitches which go over and through again on the other side; go or take quickly (*out, through etc.*). **-cord**, n. Thin, tightly twisted cord. **-per-'in**, n. Whip controlling dogs. **'ping-boy**, [Hist.] n. Boy trained with, and taking punishment for, ruler's son. (wip).
'whipper-snapper, n. Unimportant young man who puts himself forward, is very pleased with himself. ('wipa-snapə).
'whippet, n. Dog like small GREYHOUND, used in running competitions. ('wipit).
'whippoorwill, n. Am. bird with cry like its name. ('wippuəwil).
whirl, i. v.t. & i. (Make) go quickly round and round; take, go, quickly in some direction in carriage etc.; (of brain, senses) seem to go round and round. 2. n. Whirling motion. **-igig**, n. Sorts of plaything which whirl round; whirling motion. **-pool**, n. Circling current of water. **-wind**, n. Circling current of air. (wə:l).
whir(r), v.i., n. (Make) soft sound as of turning wheels, quickly moving birds' wings. (wə:l).
whisk, i. n. Sort of brush for dusting, waving flies away, etc.; instrument for whipping eggs etc.; quick move (as) of animal's tail. 2. v.t. & i. Get brushed (*away, off*); take, go, (*in, off etc.*) with sudden, quick motion; be waving (tail etc.) about. **-er**, n. Growth of hair down side of man's face (gen. *ww.*); long stiff hair on cat's etc. face. (wisk).
'whisky, n. Alcohol for drinking made from grain. ('wiski).
'whisper, i. v.t. & i. Say, be talking, very softly, using breath but not voice cords; (of leaves, wind, water) make soft sound. 2. n. Whispered talk, sound; thing whispered, said secretly. **-ing-gallery**, n. Place so designed that whisper at one point comes to ears of person at a distance. ('wisəpə).

WHIST

whist, *n.* Form of card-play for 4 players. *W. drive*, meeting for *w.* in which players go on from table to table. (*wist*).

whistle, *i. n.* Sound made by forcing breath through mouth with lips almost together; like sound made by bird, wind, instrument etc.; instrument for producing *w. 2. v.i. & t.* Give out a *w.*; give sign to (dog etc.) by whistling; give (song etc.) by whistling. (*'wisl*).

whit, *n.* Only *no*, *not a*, *never a*, *w.*, *not at all*. (*wit*).

Whit. See WHITSUN.

white, *i. a.* Of the colour of snow or table-salt; (of liquid, gas, light) clear, without colour; (of face) with very little colour, as when ill or in fear; (of wine) light yellow. *W. heat*, condition of metal heated to more than red heat; *w. horses*, *sp.*, *w.*-topped sea waves; *w. lie*, one having good purpose, not looked on as wrong; *w. man*, man of light-skinned race; [*Com.*] upright person; *w. slave*, woman forced or tricked into becoming a PROSTITUTE to make profit for others. *2. n.* *W.* colour or colouring material; *w.* part of egg, eye. **'-bait**, *n.* Sorts of fish used as food when very small. **'-ning**, *n.* Chalk used in whitewash or for cleaning silver. **w.-paper**, *n.* Account of some question, statement, printed by government for the public. **'-thorn**, *n.* HAWTHORN. **'-wash**, *i. n.* Chalk or lime mixed with water, used for making walls etc. white. *2. v.t.* Put *w.* on; make (person) seem not to have done wrong. **whiting**, *n.* Whitening; sort of sea-fish used for food. (*wait*).

'whither, [*Let.*] *i. adv.* (Of place) to which; to the place etc. to which; to what place, in what direction? *2. conj.* And to that place. (*'widə*).

'whitlow, *n.* Growth on finger, gen. near nail, causing INFLAMMATION. (*'witlou*).

'Whitsun, *n.* 7th Sunday after EASTER, kept as special day of religion. **'-tide**, *n.* Whitsun and the days after it (freq. *Whit Monday* etc.). (*'witsən*).

'whittle, *v.t. & i.* Get number of thin bits cut off (wood); be cutting (*at*) in this way. *W. away, down*, make less by degrees. (*'witl*).

whiz(z), *v.i., n.* (Make) sound of thing moving at great rate through air. (*wiz*).

who (whom, whose), *pron.* (Used in joining further statement about person(s) to the chief statement) and, or but, or though, or because, or being, the person(s) in question; what person(s); (in questions) what person(s)? **'-ever**, [*Old*] **-so ever**, *prons.* Anyone or everyone who; who of any sort. (*hu:* (*hu:m*, *hu:z*)).

whoa, *int.* Wo. (*wou*).

whole, *i. a.* Undamaged, unbroken,

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complete, taking in all. *W. number*, one formed of complete units. *2. n.* Thing complete in itself, system formed of parts; all there is of something (*the w.*). **w.-hearted**, *a.* (Of feeling, act) not made less strong by doubt, or by some other feeling, desire. **'-sale**, *i. n.* Trade in goods in great amounts to traders. *2. a., adv.* Of, by, *w.*; on a great scale. **'-some**, *a.* Healthy, producing a good effect. **'wholly** (*'houlli*), *adv.* Completely. (*houl*).

whom. See WHO.

(w)hoop, *v.i., n.* (Give) the cry "*w.*"; (give) cough made in whooping-cough. **'-ing-cough**, *n.* Disease, chiefly of young persons, causing cough with long, loud intake of breath. (*hu:p*).

whop, [*Hum.*] *v.t.* Give a whipping to; get the better of. **'-per**, [*Com.*] *n.* Thing of specially great size; shockingly untrue statement. **'-ping**, [*Com.*] *a.* Of great size (freq. *w. great*). (*wəp*).

whore, *n.* PROSTITUTE. (*hə:*).

whorl, *n.* Ring of leaves round stem; one turn of corkscrew twist. (*wə:l*).

whose. See WHO.

why, *i. adv.* (The reason) for which, for what reason; (in questions) for what reason or purpose? *2. int.* Used as sign of surprise, protest, giving thought to question, etc.; well then. *3. n.* Only *the w.*, the reason (freq. *the ww. and where-fores*). (*wai*).

wick, *n.* Thread by which oil or fat is taken to flame of oil-light or wax-light. (*wik*).

'wicked, *a.* (Of person, behaviour) bad, wrong; (of statement etc.) biting, unkind, but causing amusement. (*'wikid*).

'wicker, *n.* Stems etc. twisted over and under one another as material for seats, baskets etc. **'w.-work**, *n.* (Things made of) wicker. (*'wika*).

'wicket, *n.* Small door; (in CRICKET) 3 sticks fixed into earth with 2 small bits of wood resting on top; stretch of grass between *ww.* as being in a certain condition (*a soft w.*, etc.). (*'wikit*).

wide, *i. a.* Having great width; measuring (certain amount) from side to side; stretching far, taking in much, of great range; (of views etc.) not narrow-minded; (of window, eyes etc.) open as much as possible (freq. *w. open*); far from a desired point or mark (freq. *w. of the mark*). *Give (person, thing) a w. berth*, keep out of the way of. *2. adv.* At or to a number of points (freq. *far and w.*); with *w.* space between (gen. *w. apart*); in such a way as not to get to the thing fired etc. at. *W. awake*, fully awake. **'w.-awake**, *n.* Man's soft hat with wide edge. **'w.-spread**, *a.* Of wide distribution. **width**, *n.* Distance, measure, from

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side to side; bit of material of certain *w.*; quality of being wide. (*waid*).

'widow, *i. n.* Woman not married again after death of man she was married to. *2. v.t.* Make into *w.* or widower. **'-er**, *n.* Man not married again after death of woman he was married to. (*'widou*).

wield, [*Let.*] *v.t.* Have and make use of (power, instrument etc.). (*wiild*).

wife (wives), *n.* Married woman, *sp.* in relation to man she is married to. (*waif* (*waivz*)).

wig, *n.* False hair for covering head. (*wig*).

'wiggling, [*Hum.*] *n.* A SCOLDING. (*'wigin*).

wight, [*Old*] *n.* Person. (*wait*).

'wigwam, *n.* N. Am. Indian's small house of skins etc. (*'wigwam*).

wild, *i. a.* (Of animals, plants) living in natural conditions, not trained or produced by man; (of animals) hard to get near, not readily making a friend of man; uncontrolled, violent; [*Com.*] very angry; foolish, far from the point. *Run w.*, *sp.*, not be controlled or trained; *w. about*, *sp.*, [*Com.*] very interested in, with a great love for; *w.-goose chase*, going after something not possible to get; *w. to do etc.*, [*Com.*] with a great desire to do etc. *2. adv.* Without care or self-control. **'-erness** (*'wildənis*), *n.* Unfertile waste land. **'w.-fire**, *n.* Only *spread etc. like w.*, do so very quickly. **-s**, *n. pl.* Only *the w.*, unplanted, unused country. (*waiild*).

'wildebeest, *n.* Gnu. (*'wildibist*).

wile, *i. n.* Trick, unstraightforward behaviour. *2. v.t.* *W. away, into etc.*, get (person) away, into (doing), etc. by *w.* (*wail*).

'wilful, *a.* (Of something bad) done on purpose; not readily guided by others, given to pleasing oneself. (*'wilful*).

will (would), *i. v. aux.* Used before a *v.*: *1.* to make future form; *2.* (only *would*) to make the form for a statement dependent on condition; *3.* as sign of purpose; *4.* as sign that act is done regularly, frequently; *5.* as sign of strong impulse, fixed purpose, to do or keep doing something. *W. (would) you do etc. . . ?*, *sp.*, please do etc. *2. v.t.* [*Old*] Have a desire for (freq. *would*); have a desire to (*do what you w.*); have one's *w.* fixed on, make use of *w.*, power of suggestion, to get (person to do); give (property to person) at one's death by *w.* *Would (to God etc.) that . . .*, it is my strong desire that. *3. n.* The mind's power of conscious purpose; power of controlling one's impulses, keeping to one's purpose; desire, purpose, thing desired; person's directions in writing for distribution of his property at his death. *At w.*, when and as desired; *good (ill) w.*, kind (unkind) feeling for others; *with a w.*, very readily, doing

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one's best. **'-ing**, *a.* Ready, pleased, (*to do etc.*); readily given, done. **'would-be**, *a.* Attempting, desiring, to be taken for (*a.*) (*wil* (*wud*)).

'will-o'-the-wisp, *n.* Light seen moving about on wet land, caused by certain gas; person, thing, which one goes after without ever being able to get to it. (*'wiləðə'wisp*).

'willow, *n.* Water-side tree with readily bent branches. **-y**, *a.* (Of person) tall, thin, moving in pleasing way. (*'wilou*).

'willy nilly, *adv.* Whatever one's desires, however unpleasing. (*'wili'nili*).

wilt, *v.* Present form of "will" used with *thou*. (*wilt*).

wilt, *v.i. & t.* (Of flower etc.) become dead, with head hanging down; make *w.*

'wily, *a.* Full of tricks, not straightforward. (*'waiili*).

'wimple, *n.* Linen head-dress falling in folds, of sort used by women in an order of religion. (*'wimpl*).

win (won), *i. v.t. & i.* Get by hard work or as reward in competition etc.; do best in (fight, competition etc.); make one's way, get to some condition, by working, attempting; get (person) *to do*, *over* onto one's side, by argument etc. *W. one's spurs*, do something which gives one the right to be looked on as an expert in some field; *w. the day*, do best in fight etc.; *w. through*, get safely through fight, trouble. *2. n.* Outcome of competition in which person wins. **'-ning**, *a. Sp.*, (of looks, behaviour) pleasing. **'-nings**, *n. pl.* Money won in card-play etc. (*win* (*wan*)).

wince, *v.i., n.* (Make) sudden motion as sign of pain. (*wins*).

'wincey, *n.* Wool (and cotton) material for dresses etc. (*'winsi*).

winch, *n.* WINDLASS. (*wintʃ*).

wind, *i. n.* Air moving with force as effect of natural causes; smell transported by *w.*; (sound of) wind-instruments in orchestra; breath as needed for running etc.; gas causing trouble in stomach; words, talk, without sense, value. *Close to, near, the w.*, *sp.*, (of talk, behaviour) very near what is shocking or against the law; *get w. of*, get suggestion, news, of (something taking place); *get (put) the w. up*, [*Com.*] get (give) a feeling of fear; *raise the w. (for)*, get the necessary money, support, (for); *take the w. out of person's sails*, take away his chance of doing something by doing it before him; *there is something in the w.*, there are signs that some design is secretly going forward. *2. v.t.* Make out of breath; give rest to (horse which is out of breath). **'-bag**, *n.* Person given to talking overmuch. **'-fall**, *n.* Fruit etc. sent down from tree by wind; some un-

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looked-for good thing, sp. money, coming to person. **'w.-instrument**, n. Music instrument played by blowing or air-current. **'w.-jammer**, n. Trading sailing-ship.

'-mill, n. One for crushing grain, worked by force of wind turning blades.

'-pipe, n. Air-pipe going from throat to chest.

'w.-screen, n. Glass in front of driver's seat in automobile.

'-ward, n., a., adv. (Point, side) in direction from which wind is blowing. **'-y**, a. Open to, marked by, wind; [Com.] in fear. (wind).

wind (winded or wound), v.t. Make sound on (horn etc.) by blowing. (waind (waund)).

wind (wound), v.i. & t. Go in twisting, curving, direction; get (thread, cord etc.) twisted round and round something or into form of ball; get spring of (clock etc.) tightly wound by turning key to put or keep its works in motion (freq. *w. up*). *W. up*, sp., (make) come to an end (gen. *by, with* etc.); *w. up a company*, put everything in order with a view to putting an end to it; *wound up*, sp., worked up. **'-ing-sheet**, n. Clothing put round dead body.

'windlass, n. Machine for lifting and pulling weights by chain etc. going round and round a turning rod. ('windlās).

'window, n. Opening in wall etc., gen. covered with glass, for letting in light, air; glass or frame of *w. 'w.-dressing*, n. (Art of) putting goods on view in store-window, giving advertisement to one's work, qualities, in way to get attention. ('windou).

wine, n. Alcohol for drinking made from GRAPES; sorts of *w.-like* drink made from other fruit. **'w.-bibber**, [Old] n. One who takes overmuch alcohol. **'-press**, n. Machine for crushing GRAPES to make wine. **'-skin**, n. Goatskin bag for wine. (wain).

wing, i. n. One or other of the 2 parts supporting bird in flight; like part in insect; *w.-like* part, sp. of airplane; part of building, army etc. stretching out to side. *On the w.*, in flight; *take w.*, make start on flight; *the ww.*, sides of stage in theatre; *under one's w.*, (of person) in one's care; *w. commander*, one in Air Force having authority over number of SQUADRONS. 2. v.t. & i. Give *ww. to*; send (ARROW etc.) in flight; go on *ww.*; give wound to in *w. or arm*. (wɪŋ).

wink, i. v.t. & i. Get (one's eye or



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eyes) open and shut quickly; *w. one eye (at person)* as private sign of amusement etc. *W. at*, sp., seem not to see (something wrong), make no protest about. 2. n. Act of winking. *Forty ww.*, sp., a short sleep. (wɪŋk).

'winkle, n. Small sea-SNAIL used for food. ('wɪŋkl).

'winnow, v.t. Get outer covers off (grain) by current of air; get (outer covers out, away, from) in this way; get what is good, true, separate from what is bad, false, in (statement etc.). ('wɪnəʊ).

'winsome, a. (Of person, looks etc.) pleasing, having attraction. ('wɪnsəm).

'winter, i. n., a. Part of year between fall and spring, coldest time. *W. garden*, glass-covered space with plants, having seats, tables. 2. v.i. Be living (in, at) for *w. 'wintry*, a. As of winter, cold. ('wɪntə).

'winter-green, n. (Evergreen plant producing) strong-smelling oil. ('wɪntəgrɪn).

wipe, i. v.t. & i. Get clean or dry by rubbing with cloth etc. (freq. *w. over*); get (mark etc. off) by wiping. *W. out*, sp., make complete destruction of; *w. up*, get (liquid) off by wiping. 2. n. A cleaning rub. (waɪp).

'wire, i. n. Metal pulled out into form of thread, narrow band; bit of this as part of, sp. electric, apparatus; telegram. *Pull ww.*, sp., be secretly controlling political etc. moves; make use of pull to get something desired. 2. v.t. & i. Put *w(w)* in, get fixed with *w.*; send telegram (to). **'w.-haired**, a. (Of dogs) with stiff hair. **'-less**, i. n. Radio. 2. a. Without wires (*w. telegraphy* etc.). 3. v.i. Send news etc. by *w. 'w.-puller*, n. One who pulls wires politically etc. **'w.-worm**, n. Sort of insect damaging to plants. **'wiry**, a. Sp., (of persons) thin and strong. ('waɪə).

wise, a. Having experience, knowledge, good at judging, judging rightly; (of acts etc.) as of wise person. **'wisdom** ('wɪzdəm), n. Quality of being wise; wise thoughts, sayings. **'wisdom-tooth**, n. Back tooth which comes through when person is about 20 or older. **'-acre**, n. Person who puts on air of being much wiser than he is. (waɪz).

wise, [Old] n. Way (gen. *in no w.*, *in this w.*). **wish**, i. v.i. & t. Have a desire (*for, to do, that*); *w. for* (person to do); be desiring (something) for (person) (*w. him happiness, luck* etc.). 2. n. A desire. *Good ww.*, *ww. for* person's well-being. **'-ful**, a. Only *w. thinking*, belief based on one's hopes; *w. to*, full of desire to. **'w.(ing)-bone**, n. MERRYTHOUGHT. (wɪʃ).

'wishy-washy, a. (Of drink) thin, with overmuch water; (of talk etc.) without force, colour. ('wɪʃwɒʃɪ).

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wisp, n. Small twist or bit of STRAW, hair etc. (wɪsp).

wist, [Old] v. KNEW. (wɪst).

wis'taria, n. Tree with red-blue flowers and freq. having its branches supported against walls of a house. (wɪs'teəriə).

'wistful, a. (Giving signs of being) troubled by desire for something not clearly pictured in the mind, feeling regret. ('wɪstfʊl).

wit, n. Good sense, brains (freq. *ww.*); (person noted for) humour in talk, writing. *At one's w.'s end*, completely at a loss; *have one's ww. about one*, be quick to see what is taking place, ready in acting. **'-less**, a. Foolish. **'-ticism** ('wɪtɪzɪzəm), n. Observation full of humour. **'-ty**, a. Full of humour. (wɪt).

wit, [Old] v. KNOW (only in INFINITIVE). *To w.*, that is to say. **'-tingly**, a. Consciously, on purpose.

witch, n. Woman said to do MAGIC. **'-craft**, n. Use of MAGIC. **'w.-doctor**, n. MEDICINE-MAN. **'-ery**, n. Witchcraft; attraction through being beautiful etc. (wɪtʃ).

with, prep. In the same place as, near, at the same time as, in the company of; in the same way, direction, or degree, as; which has, having; in relation to (*be angry w.*, *in comparison w.*, etc.); against (*fighting w.*); using (as instrument or help); by, in, having (*blessed w. children*); because of (*shaking w. fear*); though having (*w. every chance, he has done badly*). *W. child, young, PREGNANT*. **'-al** (wɪð'ɔ:l), [Old] i. adv. With that, in addition. 2. prep. (Used after n.) with as instrument. (wɪð).

with'draw (withdrew, withdrawn), v.t. & i. Get pulled back, on one side, take away; take back (statement etc.); put an end to (payment etc.); go away or back. (wɪð'drɔ: (wɪð'dru:)).

withe, n. WITRY. (wɪð).

'wither, v.i. & t. (Sp. of plants) become dry, dead; make *w.*; have crushing, cruel, effect on feelings, self-respect, of. ('wɪðə).

'withers, n. pl. High part at base of back of horse's neck. ('wɪðəz).

with'hold (withheld), v.t. Keep back, not give. (wɪð'həʊld (wɪð'held)).

with'in, i. adv. [Old] Inside. 2. prep. Inside; in range of (hearing etc.); not more than. 3. n. Inside (*from w.*). (wɪð'in).

with'out, i. adv. [Old] Outside. 2. prep. Outside; not having, free from, not (doing etc.). 3. n. Only *from w.*, outside. (wɪð'au).

with'stand (withstood), v.t. Not give way to, keep off. (wɪð'stænd (wɪð'stʊd)).

'witty, n. Thin, readily bent stem to put round parcel of wood etc. ('wɪði).

'witness, i. n. [Law] One giving TESTI-

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MONY; one who sees some event; one putting his name at foot of agreement etc. as sign that he has seen it signed by right person; person, thing, whose existence is sign of something. 2. v.t. & i. Be *w. to* (agreement); be *w. of* (event); be sign of. **'w.-box**, n. Place for witnesses in law COURT. ('wɪtnɪs).

'witticism. See WIT (n.).

wives. See WIFE.

'wizard, n. MAGICIAN; one who has special powers, is surprisingly good at something. **'-ry**, n. Power, acts, of a wizard. ('wɪzəd).

'wizen, a. (Of face) thin and lined. ('wɪzənd).

wo, int. Used for stopping horse. **w.-back**, int. Used when making horse go back. (wəʊ).

woad, n. (Plant giving) blue colouring substance. (wəʊd).

'wobble, v.i., n. Go from side to side, be almost falling, uncertain in balance. be uncertain in opinions, decisions; ('wɒbl).

woe, n. Trouble, very sad, unhappy feeling *Ww.*, causes of *w. 'be-gone* ('wəʊbɪɡən), a. Unhappy-looking. **'-ful**, a. (Making) unhappy; [Com.] very bad, great. (wəʊ).

woke. See WAKE (v.).

wold, n. Open stretch of unplanted country. (wəʊld).

wolf, i. n. Animal of dog family living on sheep etc. and going about in groups. *Cry w.*, say there is danger when there isn't; *keep the w. from the door*, get (enough money for) the food needed for supporting existence. 2. [Com.] v.t. Take (food) quickly, not delicately. (wʊlf).

'wolverene, *wolverine*, n. N.-Am. animal like WEASEL. ('wʊlvəri:n).

'woman (women), n. Female person of full growth, opp. man; *ww.* or the female sex. **'-hood**, n. Sp., womanly qualities; women as group. **'-ish**, a. (Of man) like a woman. **'-kind**, n. Women generally. **'-ly**, a. (Having qualities) natural to women. **'womenkind**, n. The female part of one's family (*one's w.*). ('wʊmən ('wɪmɪn)).

womb, n. Part of female animal in which young come to development before birth. (wʊm).

'wombat, n. Small Australian MARSUPIAL. ('wɒmbət).

won. See WIN.

'wonder, i. n. Feeling caused by something very surprising, more than coming up to one's hopes; thing causing this.



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Do, work, ww., do thing by use of other than natural powers; do very well; *for a w.*, (of something good) surprising though it is; *no w.*, it is not surprising (that). 2. v.i. & t. Have feeling of w.; be surprised *that*; have a desire for knowledge as to (*who, how* etc.). *-ful*, a. Of more than common quality, such as to be a cause of wonder. *-ment*, n. Surprised condition of mind. *'wondrous*, i. a. [Let.] Wonderful. 2. adv. [Old] Wonderfully, very (*w. good* etc.). (*'wanda*).

won't, Short form of "will not." (wount).

wont, n. What a person is used to do. *'-ed*, a. Such as one normally has, does. (wount).

woo, [Let.] v.t. Make love to; make attempts to get approval etc. of (person). (wu:).

wood, n. Material forming stems and branches of trees; trees covering stretch of land. *Out of the w.*, sp., safely through trouble; *wine etc. from, in, the w.*, from, in, a BARREL. *'-bine*, n. HONEYSUCKLE. *'-chuck*, n. Sort of N. Am. MARMOT; sort of woodpecker. *'-cock*, n. Woodland bird valued as food. *'-craft*, n. Knowledge of woodland places, animals in them, etc. *'-cut*, n. Print from picture cut in wood. *'-ed*, a. Having woods. *'-en*, a. Made of wood; (of look, way of moving) stiff, as of w. thing. *'-land*, n. Wooded country. *'w.-louse*, n. Insect living in wood, under stones, etc. *'-pecker*, n. Bird living on insects in tree-stems. *'-work*, n. Things made of wood, sp. wood parts of house; making things of wood. *'-y*, a. Sp., wooded. (wud).

woof, n. WEFT. (wu:f).

wool, n. Soft hair, as of sheep or goats; thread, cloth, clothing, made of w. *Lose one's w.*, [Hum.] get angry. *'-gathering*, n., a. Not giving attention, with thoughts on other things. *'-len*, n., a. (Cloth) made of wool. *'-ly*, i. a. Sp., (of thoughts, argument) not clear. 2. n. Woollen coat etc. *'-sack*, n. Cushion full of wool on seat of LORD CHANCELLOR in HOUSE OF LORDS. *'-work*, n. Needlework in coloured wools. (wul).

word, i. n. Sound, letter, or group of sounds, letters, forming unit of sense, representative of an idea, in any language; talk as opp. acting (freq. *ww.*); talk, statement (gen. *ww.*); news; serious statement that one will do or not do something, which it is looked on as wrong not to give effect to (*give, keep, one's w.*, etc.); order (*give the w. to do* etc.). *Ww.*, sp., language; by *w. of mouth*, in talk, as opp. in writing; *have ww. (with)*, have an angry argument (*with*); *take person at his w.*, do something based on the belief that his feeling,

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purpose, is what he says it is; *the last w. in*, the latest, best, example of, the best, most complete, view about; *the W. (of God)*, sp., BIBLE; *upon my w.*, said in, sp. angry, surprise; *w. for w.*, without changing a w. 2. v.t. Put into ww. (in certain way). *'w.-building*, n. Building up of words from parts. *'-ing*, n. Sp., words in which a thing is put. *'w.-perfect*, a. Having got by heart what one has to say. *'-y*, a. Sp., using unnecessary number of words. (wæ:d).

wore. See WEAR.

work, i. n. Use of one's powers, taking of trouble, for some purpose, sp. as opp. play; the doing of something for payment, sp., to make a living; thing done or to be done as w.; thing produced by w., sp., book, picture etc.; ornament cut, stitched etc. on something; work using some named instrument or material (*leather w.*, etc.); [Sc.] force used in overcoming another or in producing change. *Ww.*, acting parts of machine, sp. of clock; buildings and plant where things are made; [Mil.] structures for keeping off attack; *at w.*, doing work; *good ww.*, kind acts done among the poor; *have one's w. cut out (for one)*, be faced with hard undertaking; *in (out of) w.*, having (unable to get) w. to do for a living; *Office of Public Ww.*, branch of Brit. government responsible for public buildings etc. 2. v.i. & t. (Worked or [Old] wrought (rɔ:t)). Make use of one's powers for some purpose, do w.; be in operation; (of thing) do what it is designed to do; (make) get slowly or with trouble (*through, out, in* etc., or into some condition) by moving; make do w., get, keep, (machine etc.) in operation; give form to by hammering etc. (freq. with *wrought* as past); get (person *into* some condition of mind) (freq. with *wrought*); make (change etc.) come about (freq. with *wrought*); get ornamented by needlework etc.; be in troubled motion, FERMENT. *W. off*, get over (feeling etc.) by giving outlet to it; (of effect of drink etc.) go slowly away; *w. one's way*, make payment for journey by working on it; get with some trouble (*through, out* etc.); *w. out*, sp., get (answer, amount) by reasoning; get answer to (question, sp. in mathematics); get details of (purpose etc.) mapped out; *w. up*, sp., make (business etc.) better and better by degrees; make (feelings) more and more violent etc.; *w. (up)on*, sp., have effect on (feelings etc.). *'-able*, a. Able to be given effect to. *'-aday*, a. Common, everyday. *'w.-bag*, *'w.-basket*, *'w.-box*, nn. One for needlework materials. *'-house*, n. Place supported by public money for housing of poor persons.

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'-ing, i. a. Sp., doing physical work for a living; used in working. 2. n. Sp., the way a thing works; part of mine etc. in which work is being or has been done. *'-man*, n. Man making his living by physical work; male worker as being good, bad etc. *'-manship*, a. (As) of a good workman. *'-manhood*, n. Quality of work of person or in thing. *'-shop*, n. Room or building for making things in. (wɜ:k). *world*, n. All existence, everything; the earth or any body like it; persons, places etc. in someone's range of experience, or to do with some special interest, branch of work (*academic w.*, etc.); material things, interests; man, every-one. *A w. of*, sp., a great amount of; *for all the w. like*, in every way like; *the New W.*, America; *the Old W.*, Europe, Asia, and Africa; *the next, other, w.*, the *w. to come*, existence after death. *'-ling*, n. Worldly person. *'-ly*, a. Interested only in material things, as money, pleasure. *W. goods*, property. *'-ly-wise*, a. Experienced, not acting foolishly. *'w.-wide*, a. Through all the world. (wɜ:ld). *worm*, i. n. Sorts of small snake-like animal, sp., earthworm; person who is looked down on, looked on as unimportant; the line cut round and round in a screw. 2. v.i. & t. Go, get (oneself), with w.-like motion (*through* etc.) (freq. *w. one's way*). *W. (secret) out of*, get it from (person) by use of tricks etc. *'w.-cast*, n. Earth in worm-like form sent out from worm's body. *'-eaten*, a. (Of wood etc.) full of holes made by worms; old, in bad condition. (wɜ:m). *'wormwood*, n. Bitter plant; cause of bitter shame. ('wɜ:mwud). *worn*. See WEAR. *'worry*, i. v.t. & i. (Gen. of dog) be pulling about with the teeth, be shaking from side to side; be a trouble to; be troubling to the mind of; have troubled mind (*about*), be full of care. 2. n. Thing worrying a person; condition of feeling worried. ('wari). *worse*, i. a. More bad; in or into w. condition. 2. adv. More badly. 3. pron. W. thing(s), condition (*w. to come, change for the w.*). (wɜ:s). *'worship*, i. n. Love and respect given sp. to God; the forms gone through as sign of w. for God. *Place of w.*, church; *your (his) W.*, form used in talking to (of) police MAGISTRATE or MAYOR. 2. v.t. & i. Have w. for; take part in church w. *'-ful*, [Old] a. Noted, respected. ('wɜ:ʃɪp). *worst*, i. a., adv. Most bad(ly). 2. n. W. part, condition, w. thing which has taken or may take place. *Get the w. of it*, be overcome; *if the w. comes to the w.*, if the w. takes place. 3. v.t. Get the better of, overcome. (wɜ:st).

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'worsted, n. Wool thread. ('wʊstɪd). *worth*, i. a. Having a value equal to; good enough for, rewarding, (doing etc.); having as much as (certain amount of money). *For all one is w.*, [Com.] with all one's power; *w. it, w. (one's) while*, such that money, time etc. given to it is not wasted. 2. n. Value, what something is w. *w.-while*, a. Good, worth taking trouble about. (wɜ:θ). *'worthy*, i. a. With a right to be respected, looked up to. *W. of (to)*, good enough for (to). 2. n. W., noted person. ('wɜ:ði). *wot*, [Old] v. Know (in present). (wɒt). *would*. See WILL. *wound*, i. n. Damage done to person, animal, by cut, blow etc.; pain given to feelings. 2. v.t. Give w. to. (wu:nd). *wound*. See WIND (v.). *wove, woven*. See WEAWE. *wrack*, n. Sea-plants sent onto sand. (rak). *wraith*, n. Shade of person seen short time before or after his death. (reɪθ). *'wrangle*, v.i., n. (Have) loud argument, exchange of angry words. *'-r*, n. Person placed in first division after test for mathematics DEGREE at Cambridge University. ('rangl). *wrap*, i. v.t. & i. Put soft material round (freq. *w. up*); put (coat etc. *round, about*, person). *Wrapped up in*, sp., with all one's interest, attention, taken by; *w. up*, sp., put warm clothing on. 2. n. Bit of warm clothing etc. to put on over rest as addition. *'-per*, n. Cover in which newspaper etc. is sent through post; DRESSING-GOWN. (rap). *wrath*, [Let.] n. Angry feeling. (rɔ:θ). *wreak*, v.t. Give effect to (*w. one's anger etc. (upon)*). (ri:k). *wreath*, n. Flowers, leaves, twisted together in circle; ring, curving line, (of smoke etc.). *-e* (ri:ð), v.t. & i. Get circled (as) with wreath; be a wreath round; make (flowers etc.) into wreath; (of smoke) be forming wreaths. (ri:θ). *wreck*, i. n. Complete destruction, sp. of ship; ship which has gone down, been greatly damaged; person, building etc. in poor, damaged, condition. 2. v.t. Be cause of w. of (ship, hopes etc.). *'-age*, n. Material from wrecked ship; broken bits. *'-ed*, a. Sp., having undergone shipwreck. (rek). *wren*, n. Sorts of small song-bird. (ren). *wrench*, i. n. Violent twist or sideways pull; instrument for gripping and turning nuts etc.; sad parting or uprooting of a person. 2. v.t. Give a w. to, get off, away etc. by a w. (rentf). *wrest*, v.t. Give twist, wrong sense, to (facts, words etc.) for one's purposes; violently take away (thing *from*). (rest). *'wrestle*, i. n. Fight in which 2 persons

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make attempts to get one another down without blows, sp. as sport; hard fight *with*, use of force on, something. 2. v.i. Take part in w., have w. (*with, against*). *W. with* (bit of work, etc.), sp., make use of all one's powers on. ('resl).

wretch, n. Unhappy or poor person; bad person. '-ed ('retfid), a. Unhappy or in trouble; of bad quality, poor, unpleasing. (retf).

wrick, v.t., n. Give small twist to muscles of (neck, back etc.). (rik).

'wriggle, v.i. & t., n. Be twisting about, go with snake-like motion; be twisting (body etc.) about. *W. out of (doing)*, get out of (doing). ('rigl).

wring (wrung), v.t., n. Get (cloth etc.) tightly twisted, crushed together, sp., to get liquid out; get (something out of), from) by force, frequent requests.

Wringing wet, so wet that water may be wrung out; *w. one's hands*, be gripping them together as sign of being unhappy, troubled; *w. one's heart*, (of one who is unhappy etc.) make one very unhappy about him; *w. out clothes etc.*, w. to get liquid out of; *w. person's hand*, take it in tight grip. (rin ('ran)).

'wrinkle, i. n. Fold, line, in skin of face etc.; mark of same sort in soft material; [Com.] good trick for doing something. 2. v.t. & i. Make, get, ww. in. ('rinkl).

wrist, n. Join of hand and arm. '-let, n. Band put on round wrist, sp. as support or with watch. (rist).

writ, [Law] n. Order in writing in name of authority to do or not to do something in view of process which is being started. *Holy w.*, BIBLE; *serve w. on*, give w. to (person named in it). (rit).

write (wrote, written), v.i. & t. Make signs representative of word(s) on paper etc. with pen, pencil etc.; make (marks), put down (words etc.), by writing; put necessary writing onto (form, cheque etc.); (make up and) put down on paper (book, letter, music etc.); be writer of books etc.; *w. letter (to)*; say in writing (*that*). *W. down*, put in writing; put value of (stock etc.) down in accounts, on paper, as less; *w. off*, put down as a loss (old debt, amount of fall in value of plant etc.); *w. out*, w. down in detail; *w. up*, sp., w. about in newspaper etc., gen., making much of. **'writing**, n. Sp., written signs; how a person writes; book or other work of letters. (rait (rout, ritn)).

writhe, v.i. Be twisting or rolling about (as) in great pain; undergo great pain of mind (*at, under*, cruel words etc.). (raið).

wrong, i. a. Opp. right. 2. adv. In the w. way. *Go w.*, become damaged, not in order; get into bad ways. 3. n. Act(s), behaviour, against the rules of right

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behaviour. *Do (person) w.*, do something damaging, w., to; *do w.*, do what is w.; *in the w.*, in error, having done something w.; *put (person) in the w.*, make him seem in the w. 4. v.t. Do w. to (person); be judging (person) as worse than he is. **'-doing**, n. Act, behaviour, against the rules of right behaviour. **'-ful**, a. Without good reason, wrong. (rɔŋ).

wrote. See WRITE.

wroth, [I.et.] a. Angry. (rouθ).

wrought. See WORK.

wrung. See WRING.

wry, a. Twisted, turned to one side. *Make a w. face*, put on look of disgust. (rai).

X

X, Rom. number 10 (*X, x*); sign for amount to be worked out, cause etc. of which one is uncertain. (eks).

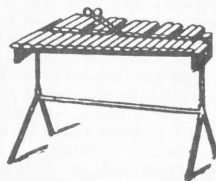
'xebec, n. Small ship with 3 sail-supports, used in Mediterranean Sea. ('zi:bek).

Xmas, n. Short form of the word CHRISTMAS. ('krismas).

'X-ray, n. Sort of short-wave ray able to go through solid bodies, used for medical purposes. ('eks'rei).

'xylonite, n. CELLULOID. ('zailenait).

'xylophone, n. Music instrument formed of wood rods of different sizes producing different notes when given blows or rubbed. ('zailəfoun).



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Y

yacht, i. n. Small sailing-vessel for competition sailing; sailing-ship or ship of other sort kept for owner's pleasure. 2. v.i. Go in y. (jɔt).

yah, int. Used as sign of one's low opinion of person. (ja:).

ya'hoo, n. Low, rough person. (ja:'hu:).

yak, n. Long-haired ox of Tibet. (jak).

yam, n. (Potato-like part, used for food, of) sort of plant of warm countries. (jam).

yank, [Com.] v.t. Give sharp pull to. (jank).

'Yank(ee), [Hum.] n. American of U.S.A. ('jank(i)).

yap, v.i., n. (Make) short sharp noise of small dog. (jap).

'yarrow, n. (In BRIDGE group of cards given out to player among which

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there is no card higher than a 9. ('ja:bə).

yard, n. Unit of long measure, equal to 3 feet; such amount of material; arm of wood across MAST, to which top edge of sail is fixed. **'y-arm**, n. End of sail yard. (ja:d).

yard, n. Unroofed space outside building, shut in by walls or rails and gen. with stone etc. floor; space used for special purpose (*farmyard, dockyard* etc.).

yarn, n. Thread, sp., thick wool; [Com.] story. (ja:n).

'yarrow, n. Common flowering field-plant. ('jarou).

'yashmak, n. Bit of thin material put over lower part of face by Mohammedan women. ('jaʃmak).

yaw, v.i., n. (Of ship) not keep in desired direction. (jɔ:).

yawl, n. Sorts of ship's boat or small sailing-vessel. (jɔ:l).

yawn, i. n. Act of opening mouth widely in uncontrolled way as sign of needing sleep, etc. 2. v.i. Have a y.; be widely open. (jɔ:n).

y'clept, [Old] a. Named. (i'klept).

ye, [Old] pron. Pl. form of you. (ji:).

yea, [Old] int. Yes. (jei).

year, n. Stretch of time from January 1 to December 31; time which earth takes to make one complete turn round sun (about 365½ days); space of time from any day to same day in y. before or after. *Yy.*, sp., yy. for which person has been living; long stretch of time; *y. of grace, of our Lord*, any named y. after birth of Christ. **'y-book**, n. Book coming out every year, giving facts about some special field of interest. **'-ling**, n. Animal between 1 and 2 years old. **'-ly**, a., adv. (Taking place) every year, once in every year, by the year. (jia).

yearn, v.i. Be full of desire (*for* thing, to do). (jæ:n).

yeast, n. Substance produced in the forming of alcohol by certain liquids, used in bread-making. (ji:st).

yell, i. n. Sharp loud cry of pain, pleasure etc. 2. v.i. & t. Give a y.; say in loud voice. (jel).

'yellow, i. a. Of the colour of brass, the middle part of a fowl's egg, a LEMON. *Y. fever*, disease got in very warm countries, in which skin becomes yellow; *y. press*, newspapers giving news in way designed to have strong effect on feelings of readers. 2. n. Y. colour or colouring material. 3. v.i. & t. Become or make y.

'y-(h)ammer, n. Small bird with yellow head, neck, and front. **'y-jacket**, [Am.] n. WASP, HORNET. ('jelou).

yelp, n., v.i. Dog's cry of pain or pleasure. (jelp).

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yen, n. Japanese money unit, at one time current as bit of silver money. (jen).

'yeoman, n. Owner of small farm, countryman. *Do y.(s) service*, give great help in time of need; *y. of the guard*, BEEF-EATER. **'-ry**, n. Special force of military horsemen not in regular Brit. army. ('jəumən).

yes, i. int. Used in answering that something is so or that one will do something, or as sign that one is in agreement with statement, opp. no. *Yes?* Is that so? What is your business? 2. n. The answer "y." or statement having that sense. (jes).

'yester-, (On) the day etc. before this ('-day, -eve, -morn, -night, -year). ('jestə-).

yet, i. adv. Till now or then, still; again, in addition; some time, before the chance has gone (*will do it y.*); even (*y. older* etc.); though that is so. *Not y.*, not so far, not by this time. 2. conj. But at the same time. (jet).

yew, n. (Wood of) evergreen tree with dark leaves. (ju:).

'Yiddish, n. Form of G. used by Jews of Russia etc. ('jidiʃ).

yield, i. v.t. & i. Give as fruit, profit, outcome; give up (right, thing); give way (*to*), give up. *Y. to*, sp., be less good than. 2. n. Amount produced, output. **'-ing**, a. Soft; readily giving way. (ji:ld).

'yodel, i. n. Sort of song without words, common in Swiss mountains, in which voice goes up to very high notes. 2. v.i. & t. Give y.; give (song) by yodelling. ('joudl).

'yoga, n. Hindu system of thought and self-control designed for uniting the self with Higher Power. **'yogi**, n. Teacher of, expert in, yoga. ('jougə).

'yo-heave-ho, int. Cry used by sailors when pulling together. ('jou'hi:v'həu).

yoke, i. n. Bit of wood to which plough etc.

is fixed, placed across necks of OXEN to keep them together; 2 transport OXEN; condition etc., sp. that of being married, uniting persons; rule, control; y.-like structure used by person transporting buckets; top part of dress, skirt etc. to which lower part is fixed. 2. v.t. Put y. on; get joined, united. (jouk).

'yokel, n. Simple countryman. ('joukl).

yolk, n. Yellow part of egg. (jouk).

yon [Let., Old], **'yonder**, a., adv. (Placed) over there, in that direction. (jon, 'jɔndə).



YOKES ON SKIRT & DRESS